



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3784 **Museum and Library Services Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on March 20, 2002*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3784 would reauthorize programs under the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996 that currently are authorized through 2002. H.R. 3784 would reauthorize these programs through 2008.

CBO estimates that authorizations under the bill would total \$350 million in 2003 and about \$2.2 billion over the 2003-2008 period, assuming that annual levels are adjusted to keep pace with inflation when specific annual authorizations are not provided. (Without such inflation adjustments, the authorizations would total about \$2.1 billion over the 2003-2008 period.) CBO estimates that appropriations of the authorized levels would result in additional outlays of \$1.8 billion over the 2003-2008 period, if inflation adjustments are included (and about \$1.7 billion without inflation adjustments).

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3784 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would benefit states and other participating entities by significantly increasing grant funding for streamlining and updating museum and library services. Any costs incurred by states to participate in this program would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3784, with inflation adjustments for the various components of each title of the bill, is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services). CBO's estimate of authorized levels is the authorized amount for 2003 with those amounts inflated in later years. The estimated outlays reflect CBO's current assumptions about spending patterns in the authorized programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Spending Under Current Law							
Budget Authority ^a	225	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	218	179	65	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes:							
Library Services							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	300	306	312	319	325	332
Estimated Outlays	0	63	202	305	312	318	324
Museum Services							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	50	51	52	53	54	55
Estimated Outlays	0	15	50	51	52	53	54
Total Proposed Changes							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	350	357	364	372	379	387
Estimated Outlays	0	78	253	357	364	371	379
Total Spending Under H.R. 3784							
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	225	350	357	364	372	379	387
Estimated Outlays	218	256	318	357	364	371	379

NOTE: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. The 2002 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the library and museum services programs.

H.R. 3784 would reauthorize programs created under the Museum and Library Services Act. Both the Library and Museum Services programs would be reauthorized at specific levels for 2003 and for such sums as may be necessary for 2004 through 2008.

H.R. 3784 would authorize the appropriation of \$350 million in 2003. CBO estimates that the bill would authorize total funding of \$2.2 billion over the 2003-2008 period assuming that "such sums" amounts provided after 2003 are adjusted for inflation. If the authorized amounts are appropriated, outlays would increase by \$78 million in the first year and by \$1.8 billion over the six-year period. (Without inflation adjustments, the increased authorizations would result in outlays of \$1.7 billion over the six years.)

Office of Library Services

The Office of Library Services within the Institute of Museum and Library Services provides funding to public libraries through state formula grants so that libraries can promote wider access to learning and information. Competitive grants are also available for libraries that submit innovative ideas to improve information access. The program also supports collaborative activities between museums and libraries. The bill would authorize the Library Services program at \$300 million in 2003 and such sums as may be necessary for the 2004-2008 period. CBO estimates the total funding for the 2003-2008 period would be about \$1.9 billion, assuming adjustments for inflation, with resulting outlays of \$1.5 billion over those six years.

Office of Museum Services

The Office of Museum Services provides competitive grants to museums to improve museum programs and operations. The bill would reauthorize the current program at \$50 million in 2003 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the following five years. For this program, CBO estimates the total funding for the 2003-2008 period would be \$316 million, assuming adjustments for inflation, with resulting outlays of \$276 million over those six years.

National Museum and Library Services Board

The bill would also add a National Museum and Library Services Board within the Institute of Museum and Library Services, allow the director to grant national awards to libraries and museums that have made significant contributions in service to their communities, and would instruct the director to report on the impact of the Museum and Library Services programs. Funding for the board's activities would come out of the amounts authorized for the Office of Library Services and the Office of Museum Services.

PAY AS YOU GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3784 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would benefit states and other participating entities by significantly increasing grant funding for streamlining and updating museum and library services. Any costs incurred by states to participate in this program would be voluntary.

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